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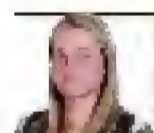
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TALIYAH MARSMAN

Sighting of missing girl offers hope



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police say new evidence in the search for five-year-old Taliyah Marsman, who is the subject of a provincewide Amber Alert, is keeping them hopeful the little girl is safe.

Insp. Don Coleman of the Major Crimes Unit told reporters Wednesday that they've received tips from Panorama residents saying they saw a young girl matching Taliyah's description walking with a "stocky black man" near where her mother's vehicle was located around 11:30 a.m. Monday.

Coleman said the girl was said to be wearing red or pink boots with white polka dots and carrying a red suitcase.

"We're hopeful Taliyah is safe," he said. "If the girl in Panorama with the boots and the suitcase is in fact Taliyah, then the suitcase is a promising indication that whoever she's with has intentions of caring for her to some degree."

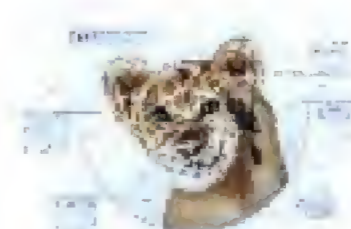


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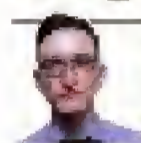


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Laser danger

AIRCRAFT

Pointers a 'grave concern' for pilots



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

A tiny light could bring down a flight.

Airport officials and police are urging people not to point lasers at aircraft after an Edmonton man was fined for doing just that on Monday.

Edmonton International Airport spokeswoman Heather Hamilton says laser pointers are a "grave concern" and could potentially bring down a plane.

"The harm that can be caused to a pilot, and of course the risk to an aircraft of that happening while an airplane is in flight, could cause massive loss of life, both in the air and on the ground," she said.

Ashwin Akshay Singh, 21, was fined \$1,500 Monday for pointing a laser at Edmonton's Air-1 police helicopter in Mill Woods last August.

Hamilton said laser pointers are an industry problem but there have been no reports of

planes being hit in Edmonton.

Transport Canada launched a campaign in May urging people not to point lasers at planes, after national statistics showed it was a growing problem, with almost 600 reported incidents across the country.

"On the ground it's a pin-point. For the pilot, it's basically the equivalent of a floodlight being pointed into their eye," Hamilton said.

"I'm not sure they're realizing that what they're doing might be the equivalent of mowing someone down with a car or doing something equally dangerous."

Edmonton Police Service Staff Sgt. Troy Carriere with the flight operations section said in an emailed statement that laser pointers are occasionally shone at Air-1.

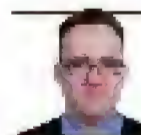
"Shining a laser pointer at an aircraft creates distraction and glare, and can even cause temporary blindness and permanent damage to our vision," Carriere said. "It also temporarily prevents Air-1 from responding to calls. It creates a very dangerous situation for us in the air and for citizens on the ground. Bottom line — laser pointers should never be shone at aircraft."



Officials say a laser pointer may look harmless on the ground, but crews in aircraft 'it's basically the equivalent of a floodlight being pointed into their eye.' ISTOCK

TRANSIT

City doesn't expect job losses due to Valley Line LRT



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The city will not lay off employees when the Valley Line LRT opens in 2020 and makes several bus routes re-

dundant, officials say.

This week, Ottawa's transit system announced that between 500 and 600 jobs will be eliminated when their new LRT line opens in 2018, as it will replace dozens of buses.

But Eddie Robar, manager

of Edmonton Transit, said with many Edmonton buses running at capacity the Valley Line will let the service redirect those buses and drivers to other areas.

"That is an opportunity for us to reinvest in the system and the people who ride our

buses today," he said.

Robar said it's difficult to know how many buses could be freed until the city completes its ongoing transit review and decides what kind of system it wants.

"I don't think we have a lot of preconceived notions

as of yet. We're looking for the transit strategy to direct where we are going."

He said when the Metro line opened to service it allowed buses to be redirected to busier routes, but they were used in other parts of the city.

He said he doesn't see the city laying people off when the Valley Line opens.

"We have taken the opportunity to take those resources and re-invest them. I suspect that will be the same approach we take with the Valley Line."

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Aphasia camp helps adults

HEALTH

Program for language disorder takes therapy outside



Alex Boyd
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Ken Thiessen once loved to tell his grandson stories.

"I was his storyteller," he said, each word an effort. "I was telling him stories about my school days and my college days and he had fun."

Four years ago a stroke took Thiessen's words, and then the story time he shared with his grandson.

Thiessen's stroke has left him with aphasia, a communication disorder often caused by stroke or brain injuries that makes it difficult to speak or understand written words.

But a unique summer camp for adults run by the University of Alberta just outside Edmonton is helping people with aphasia to keep feeling as though they're a part of their communities.



Ken Thiessen at the ropes course at the Alberta Aphasia Camp, one of a handful of places like it in North America, where people with aphasia can work on therapy but build community too. CONTRIBUTED

"Aphasia is very socially isolating," said Andrea Ruelling, the camp coordinator and a clinical assistant professor. "Verbal expression is how you connect with people. We get together, we go out for coffee, it's always based around communicating. So if it's challenging or awkward,

"I wish I didn't have aphasia, but I've got it now. I'm making the most of it."

Ken Thiessen

ward, people just stop doing it."

Camp activities are a far cry from the traditional "across the table" type of therapy, she said. Instead it mostly looks a lot like a traditional camp, with canoeing, ropes courses and archery.

But it's overseen by staff and students from disciplines like

speech pathology and occupational therapy, who help campers with communication. Possibly more significantly, it helps people with aphasia and their families make connections with others who get it.

"I had a lot of friends and (after the stroke) it dwindled off to just mostly my family and a couple of other friends," Thiessen said.

The camp has given him some of that community back.

"We have games and then we have discussions as well," he said, adding that the staff and students care so much it's "unreal."

"We've made a lot of friends," adding that the camp has spawned book clubs and coffee groups that meet year round.

"I wish I hadn't had the stroke, I wish I didn't have aphasia, but I've got it now," he said. "I'm making the most of it."

A former electrical instructor at NAIT, he also points out that the students also learn a lot from working with people with aphasia.

More than 100,000 Canadians are estimated to have aphasia.

The registration deadline for this September's camp is July 22.

MATTHEW DE GROOD

De Grood shows remorse for killing

A Calgary man found not criminally responsible for the stabbing deaths of five young people will remain in closed custody for the next year before his next review.

An Alberta Review Board hearing for Matthew de Grood heard updates on his progress as well as victim impact statements from families of the victims.

The board lifted a publication ban on all evidence presented and ordered that de Grood be treated for another year instead of the normal six month review.

De Grood, who is 24, addressed the board and family members of his victims, saying he is deeply sorry and regretful and that no one deserves the pain he caused.

The update stated he is reacting well to medication but there are still problems that need to be addressed.

De Grood was found not criminally responsible for the deaths of Lawrence Hong, Joshua Hunter, Kaitlin Perras, Zackariah Rathwell and Jordan Segura at a 2014 house party. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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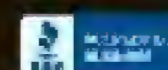
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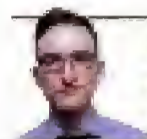
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Rappellers face fears to grant kids' wishes

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

70 participants take part in annual Rope for Hope event



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Dozens of Edmontonians faced their fear of heights to help grant wishes for children Wednesday.

Rob Suggitt raised close to \$9,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation before rappelling 23 storeys down the Coast Edmonton Plaza hotel as part of the annual Rope for Hope fundraiser that happens in cities across Canada.

"It's absolutely exhilarating," Suggitt said, 10 minutes after reaching the ground.

"I'm really terrified of

heights, and as I got to the top of the building and had to step over — I mean that's a real scary thing. As soon as you get going, I don't want to say it's easy but most of the fright is gone and you have some fun with it."

Suggitt said he was "on pins and needles" in the days leading up to the event, but it was important to pull through.

Edmonton's Rope for Hope saw 70 people participate Wednesday after each raising \$1,500 or more.

"The support was overwhelming, the people that would donate money to Make-A-Wish to watch me jump off a building," Suggitt said.

Repellers scaled the building during working hours to the sounds of DJ B-R33LS, a wish kid who wished for DJ equipment.

The money raised will be used locally to grant wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.



Dozens of Edmontonians rappelled down the side of Coast Edmonton Plaza on Wednesday to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

CRAFT BREWING

Beer tax changes still unfair: Steam Whistle



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The Ontario brewery that took the Alberta government to court over changes to beer mark-ups last fall says changes introduced yesterday are a "repackaging exercise."

Steam Whistle brewing, based in Toronto, sought and received a temporary injunction against the Alberta government for a mark-up policy created last fall, which charged brewers from outside Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia more to sell their beer.

On Tuesday, Alberta announced it will reverse that policy and will start charging all brewers the same \$1.25 per litre regardless of where the beer is made, starting Aug. 5.

The province also announced that a new grant program would be coming forward for Alberta craft brewers.

But Greg Taylor, Steam Whistle's co-founder, said changing

the tax break to a grant is just an attempt to do the same thing — without running afoul of the law.

"They have done their best to change the package of provisions for Alberta craft brewers in order to get around the constitutional challenge," he said. "This is a repackaging exercise for something that was getting them in hot water."

While Steam Whistle has a temporary injunction, the full court case has yet to be heard.

Finance Minister Joe Ceci said



"We need to make sure we protect the jobs."

Greg Taylor

Tuesday that he couldn't comment on the challenge because it was before the courts.

Taylor said all provinces should be en-

couraging craft brewing.

"We need to make sure we protect the jobs that are being created," he said.

Ceci warned if Alberta adopts a protectionist approach other provinces will follow.

"Suddenly, you limit our entire country's craft brewing to only being able to sell within their provinces, we can't allow that to happen."

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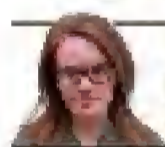


Paramedic Veronica Ryl, shown on one of her adventures, is a member of a team hoping to set a record by diving to a historic site in each of the Great Lakes in 24 hours. CONTRIBUTED

Local diver aims to help set a record

ADVENTURE

International all-women's team explore shipwrecks



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

An international team of female divers — including Veronica Ryl, an Edmonton paramedic — is gearing up to set a new record this week by diving to a shipwreck in each of the five Great Lakes in less than 24 hours.

The 14 members of the Big-FiveDive team will dive into Lake Superior on Friday at midnight. If all goes to plan, after driving more than 1,500 kilometres they expect to wrap up their last dive, in Lake Ontario, at about 8 p.m. Saturday.

"Looking at the logistics factor of it, it's going to be tight," Ryl said. "Our starting point is in Alpena, Michigan, and we're going to be renting a couple of vans.

"We're just going to be driving the whole time. And trying to coordinate equipment malfunctions and getting in the water... It'll just be racing

as fast as we can and taking care of each other along the way, and hoping everything works out."

If you're curious where sleep factors in, the answer is: It doesn't.

"All night fun!" Ryl said.

The dive is planned to mark the second annual Women's Dive Day, held by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, or PADI.

"(Women's diving) is an emerging field, as it used to be very male-dominated. It's great that PADI is recognizing this and is sparking a movement and creating this annual day," Ryl said.

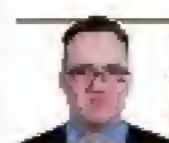
Ryl joined the dive as a member of the all-female Sedna Epic Expedition, a group currently working towards snorkelling the entire Northwest Passage next year. Eight members of Team Sedna joined the dive as a team-building exercise.

While she said she was a "very recreational" diver before joining the expedition, she's since done her drysuit certification and worked to build her skills up.

"The Great Lakes are fascinating," she said. "We just thought it's never been done before, and we wanted to do something big and empowering."

GENDER PARITY

Councillors may get more parental leave



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton is asking the province to give the city the power to change the rules to allow for councillors' parental leaves.

Currently, municipal councillors in Alberta don't have any parental leave and if they miss more than eight meetings they can actually lose their seat.

Coun. Bev Esslinger, the only woman on the city's 13-member council, said the rule is a barrier to attracting women and young people to run for city leadership.

"Right now if you miss more than eight meetings you can go to your council and ask them for a leave, but you don't know what that's going to be and you have to go each and every time," she said.

The province is currently re-

viewing the Municipal Government Act — the legislation that dictates how towns and cities are managed — and council voted Tuesday to ask for the province to include a new section on parental leave.

Lana Cuthbertson, chair of Equal Voice Northern Alberta, which is working to encourage female candidates to run, said without a leave policy, potential candidates don't know what to expect.

"I think a parental leave policy would be a factor in encouraging more women and parents of both sexes and genders to run," she said.

Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee said they would take the city's suggestion.

"It's clear that we need to take action to increase the participation of women in government, and I would like to thank the City of Edmonton for putting forward this idea."

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It's never been done before, and we wanted to do something big and empowering. Veronica Ryl

WILDLIFE

Smelly bugs invade Manitoba town

Mounds of ankle-deep fish flies are piling up in the Manitoba town of Gimli, where town workers are scooping them with shovels and filling dozens of garbage bags at a time.

Park patrol supervisor Gibby Finnbogason says the town on the shore of Lake Winnipeg is used to the regular mid-July visit from the fish flies - but this year is different.

He says easterly winds have carried the insects into the town in droves, covering sidewalks and the boardwalk by the beach.

"Traditionally, you will see them in mounds on the ground but we're not used to seeing them in quite the large amounts that we're seeing them right now," he says.

"On Monday morning, we bagged 42 (garbage) bags of fish flies and that was just the high areas on the boardwalk

on the beach."

He says the flies only live for 24 hours and give off an "atrocious" smell once they die.

"It smells like a rotting carcass of a fish," Finnbogason says. "Especially when they are wet, it's even worse."

They look similar to a dragonfly, except without a mouth, and cling to any surface they can find - from windows and cars to people's clothing.

"When I'm done my shift, I'll have anywhere from five to 50 of them attached to my body. They're all over the place."

They are virtually impossible to avoid when walking down the street, crunching underfoot.

"They make quite an awful sound," he says. "You can just hear the crunching of the carcasses under your feet as you walk and you get the smell along with that. It's quite the experience." THE CANADIAN PRESS

It smells like a rotting carcass of a fish.

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Dead fish flies are piling up in the Manitoba town of Gimli. GIBBY FINNBOGASON/GIMLI RURAL MUNICIPALITY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

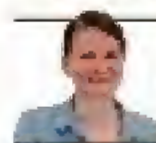


The Dump Trump ties will be available starting Aug. 10. ANDRES PLANA/METRO

'Dump Trump' ties let you go 'undercover'

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Retailer creates ties to say what you really think of The Donald



May Warren
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If you're a discreet Bay Street businessman who secretly de-

spises a certain outspoken, orange-haired U.S. presidential candidate, Andre Vassi has the tie for you.

The owner of Toronto retail store Vassi Menswear has designed a tie with a colourful pattern of dump trucks emblazoned on the front and "Dump Trump" written on the back. Vassi called the tie "undercover."

"You might buy a tie and not necessarily show it at work but after work if you're going to a

bar or a lounge or something, you might want to have what you believe out and advertise it," he said.

The \$100 silk ties are hand-made in Italy and come in three different colours: 'Great Again' grey blue, 'Gonna Be Huge' basic blue and 'Believe Me' baby blue.

Vassi said he was inspired to create a tie for The Donald, after getting requests from customers.

"You can't sit on the side-

lines and not have an opinion about Donald Trump," he said, adding no one has asked for a Hillary Clinton tie or an "I love Trump" tie yet. "I'm open to see it but I am skeptical," he said.

All proceeds from the "Dump Trump" tie will go to Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

As for his own political ties, Vassi had no comment.

"Personally, I don't want to say what I feel about Trump. I think my actions speak louder," he said.

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POLITICS

'Leave' supporters net top spots in new government

Theresa May entered No. 10 Downing St., on Wednesday as Britain's new prime minister, following a bittersweet exit by David Cameron that was tinged with humour and regret.

"I was the future once," Cameron quipped as he left office. But that future now belongs to May, and it involves instability, uncertainty and tough wrangling over Britain's departure from the European Union.

Britain's transition of power unfolded with startling speed since the June 23 referendum on EU membership. Cameron announced his resignation after voters rejected his appeal to stay in the 28-nation bloc, and May, the former home secretary, became Conservative Party leader



Leader of the Conservative Party Theresa May is greeted by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace where the Queen invited May to become Prime Minister and form a new government. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Monday after an abbreviated contest in which her only remaining rival dropped out.

Then came Wednesday's ceremonial choreography: Two trips to Buckingham Palace and two

audiences with Queen Elizabeth II that ended with one prime minister out of a job and a new one curtsying to the monarch to begin her term.

May stood in front of the iconic

door of No. 10 with her husband, Philip, as the 13th prime minister of the queen's reign and the first woman to hold the job since fellow Conservative Margaret Thatcher served from



Theresa May and husband Philip May wave outside 10 Downing Street in London, England. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

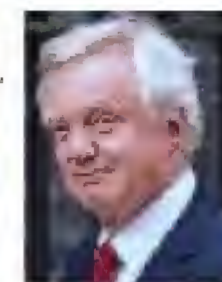
1979 to 1990.

She acknowledged that Britain faces a rocky road ahead as it undoes 43 years of EU ties and forges a new relationship with its neighbours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boris Johnson is Britain's new foreign secretary. Johnson had hoped to become prime minister but saw his dream fade amid party discord. AFP/GETTY IMAGES



David Davis, a euroskeptic, has been appointed to the newly created post of secretary of state for exiting the EU. GETTY IMAGES



Liam Fox is the minister for international trade. Fox was the first of five candidates to be eliminated in the race to replace David Cameron. Fox was a backer of the "leave" side. AFP/GETTY IMAGES



BATON ROUGE

Civil rights groups sue police over protests

Civil rights groups and activists sued Baton Rouge law enforcement agencies over their treatment of protesters rallying against the police shooting death of a black man, saying officers used excessive force and physically and verbally abused peaceful demonstrators.

The lawsuit, announced Wednesday, came hours after Cameron Sterling, the 15-year-old son of the slain man, spoke publicly for the first time, calling for peaceful protests following the death of his father Alton Sterling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS

Thousands mourn slain officers

Nearly a week after five officers were killed by a gunman in Dallas, memorial services for three of them drew thousands of mourners Wednesday.

Services were held for Dallas Area Rapid Transit officer Brent Thompson, Dallas police Sgt. Michael Smith and Dallas police Sr. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens — all three slain in downtown Dallas Thursday by a sniper during a march to protest recent fatal shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana by police. The two other services are scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

The service for Thompson, 43, drew hundreds of law enforcement officers in crisp



Heidi Smith, centre, and daughters, Victoria and Caroline during the funeral for husband Michael Smith. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

formal uniforms to The Potter's House, the Dallas megachurch headed by celebrity

Bishop T.D. Jakes.

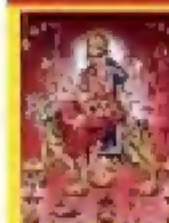
Thompson's wife Emily, a fellow DART officer whom he had recently married, told the audience that the shooter, Micah Johnson, was a coward.

Johnson, 25, was killed when authorities used a robot to detonate an explosive as negotiations faltered. Nine officers and two civilians were injured in the attack.

A funeral service for Thompson was scheduled for later Wednesday in Corsicana, south of Dallas. He is the first DART officer killed in the line of duty since the agency's police force was founded in 1989.

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Many not saving to retire

SURVEY

Some say they will sell home to pay for life after work

A report by HSBC suggests that nearly half of working-age Canadians are not saving for retirement.

The big international bank says 48 per cent of pre-retirees in the country say they have not started or are not currently saving for their life after work.

The poll was part of a global retirement report by HSBC.

The survey also found that one in five working-age Canadians say that money from downsizing or selling their home or a secondary property will help pay for retirement.

That was nearly twice the global average of 12 per cent and more than the five per cent of current Canadian retirees.

The poll also found that Canadian retirees were among the "happiest," with 72 per cent reporting they feel happy in retirement — second only to re-



A global retirement survey by HSBC found that 48 per cent of Canadians have not started or are not currently saving for retirement. istock

tirees in Mexico at 80 per cent.

"While Canadian retirees rank as some of the happiest in the world, almost half of working-age people in Canada are not currently saving for retirement," said Betty Miao, executive vice-president and head of retail banking and

wealth management at HSBC Bank Canada.

"While a change of lifestyle or move to retirement living may be a great thing come retirement, it's worth noting the wisdom shared by many of today's retirees: start saving earlier, take good care of

yourself and your health, and don't hesitate to get advice from trusted professionals."

The survey also found that 53 per cent of Canadian retirees say a government pension is helping pay for retirement, while 35 per cent of those still working say that's likely to be



Canadian retirees rank as some of the happiest in the world.

Betty Miao

the case for them.

The federal government and all the provinces, except Quebec, recently reached an agreement in principle to help strengthen the Canada Pension Plan. The deal, which is still being finalized, would see CPP premium increases for workers and employers, but also see Canadians receive more in retirement.

The HSBC report included the views of 18,207 working-age people and retirees across 17 countries and territories around the world, including 1,037 in Canada.

The research was conducted online by IpsosMORI in September and October 2015, with additional face-to-face interviews in Egypt and the United Arab Emirates.

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BANK OF CANADA

Fires put economy in reverse

The Bank of Canada is cutting its outlook for the year, saying the extensive damage from the Alberta wildfires helped fuel an economic contraction in the second quarter.

The bank released its forecast Wednesday as it announced it was leaving the interest rate at the rock-bottom level of 0.5 per cent.

The bank for the first time said the U.K.'s referendum to exit the EU, also known as Brexit, will reduce Canada's GDP by 0.1 per cent by the end of 2018.

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MCDONALD'S ATOMC HOCKEY

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McDonald's atoMc Hockey program connects kids and communities

For two-time Stanley Cup champion Drew Doughty, organized sports made him the man he is today. "When I was growing up, I loved playing different sports, especially soccer," says the Los Angeles Kings' All-Star defence-man. "I still enjoy them today and I believe it made me a better hockey player as well."

Study after study shows that organized sports help children build relationships and confidence while improving their academic performance. But as kids get older, it can get harder to keep them away from their screens and engaged in team activities.

McDonald's atoMc Hockey is a community



Two-time Stanley Cup champion Drew Doughty is an atoMc Hockey ambassador. PATRICIA SKAUCKY



program that keeps kids in the game. The only minor-hockey initiative endorsed by Hockey Canada, the program supports Atom hockey teams throughout the country (excluding Quebec, which runs Équipe McDo), providing game

jerseys and socks to participating teams and connecting them with local sponsors in their community. The jerseys have the same Hockey Canada logo worn by Team Canada — a thrill for any budding hockey player.

Each team kit includes a golden jersey that is awarded for exceptional teamwork and in celebration of small but important achievements. A first goal and a great save are acknowledged with the same importance as an assist or supportive cheer from the bench.

To assist in stressing the importance of teamwork, McDonald's connects kids with superstar mentors like Doughty and Canadian Olympic gold medalists Marc-André Fleury and Tessa Bonhomme. These ambassadors travel the country every summer, meeting with atoMc Hockey players to talk about teamwork, play a little ball hockey and enjoy a team meal at the local McDonald's sponsor restaurant.

From his own experience, Doughty knows how important family is in encouraging kids to achieve, which is why he takes time to thank the parents who support their kids' hockey dreams, and he stresses how sport can make a big difference in children's lives, both physically and mentally. "I really enjoy talking to kids about the value of being a great teammate, both on and off the ice," he says.

More than 50,000 kids across Canada participated in atoMc Hockey in the 2015-2016 hockey season. And Doughty is proud of this expansive family. "McDonald's atoMc Hockey program has been a lot of fun to be a part of," he says. For the kids who Doughty and the program's other star ambassadors have encouraged to keep playing, the fun is just beginning.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON ANGLICANS' 'STUNNING REVERSAL'

You probably can't find a starker issue than same-sex marriage where organized religions lag behind millennial beliefs. And the organized religions have noticed.

My hair stylist — a ball of politically woke sweetness in her 30s with ever-changing locks — does not go to church.

When she drops off her grandmother some Sunday mornings, she imagines the elder folks inside that stone Ukrainian Orthodox behemoth bemoaning the lack of young ones.

"I feel bad," she told me, between scissored snips. "But, you know, you didn't upgrade! You didn't upgrade your software." She frowns and pinches her face, and shrugs.

Undeniably, younger Canadians seem irreparably incompatible with organized religions. But the question is whether it has to be this way, or do faiths actually stand a chance? If they "upgrade" — or modernize — would the young ones feel swayed?

The Anglican Church of Canada, it should be said, is trying.

In a dramatic twist of events (a phrase uncommonly applied to church synods) Anglican leaders and lay people first voted to reject same-sex marriage on Monday. But on Tuesday, an error led to a recount, and by just a single vote of one clergy member, same-sex marriage passed.

A "stunning reversal" read the headlines. "There's hope now," Ottawa Bishop John Chapman told me. He meant about those young folks. Or real-

One Anglican bishop called the vote 'the enactment of what the Christian message and Jesus is all about.'



St. George's Cathedral in Kingston, Ont. On Tuesday The General Synod — the Anglican church's legislative body — passed an endorsement of same-sex marriage. The margin was a single vote. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ly, even Gen Y.

Same-sex marriage has the support of 75 per cent of Canadians 18-34 and 78 per cent of those aged 35-44, according to a 2015 Forum Research poll. You probably can't find a starker issue where organized religions lag behind millennial beliefs, and they've noticed. In 2011, 69 per cent of U.S. millennials said, "Religious groups are alienating young people by being too judgmental about gay and lesbian issues," according to the research non-profit PRRI.

"Many people would agree with you," noted Bishop Melissa Skelton of New Westminster, B.C., but both she and Chapman stressed the vote was by no

means a recruiting measure. "The spirit of the gospel is being more lived out this way," Chapman said: a "radical hospitality" that sees all as equal, and takes all as they are. Skelton called it "the enactment of what the Christian message and Jesus is all about."

The vote comes 40 years after women were first made Anglican priests, and after decades of LGBTQ advocacy.

"(Younger people) need to see the church is not their parents church anymore," Chapman said. "It's a place that changes, evolves, addressed the context in which we're living."

But religious change still chugs slowly. It will take another three years for the

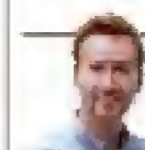
vote to be fully integrated into canon law, even while some, like Chapman, won't wait to perform same-sex marriages. He noted mounting pressure, "a movement afoot," for the full realization of LGBTQ rights across society. And indeed, same-sex marriage seems destined for religious approval, given the demographic changes afoot that will demand far more progressive stances than many faiths have been so far willing to take.

It's upgrade, or obsolescence. And in that ultimatum, perhaps Anglicans stand a chance.

Rosemary Westwood is Metro Canada's national columnist



We need to know why the Remi Pereiras of the world do what they do



Matt LaForge
Metro

Remigio Pereira's little ad lib routine at the MLB All Star game was a horrible moment.

By inserting "All lives matter" into O Canada, he endorsed a pernicious form of racism, and he did it on a huge stage, in the name of all Canadians.

None of this is a matter of much serious debate. We all needed to disparage, loudly, what Pereira did. And we've done so. But we also owe it to ourselves to understand why he did what he did. We could dismiss him as an inconsequential, unrepresentative boob (he's a flat-Earther, as you might have heard) but we'd be doing so at our peril.

On Wednesday, Pereira gave his side of the story via a post on Twitter and Instagram: "I've been so moved lately by the tragic loss of life and I hoped for a positive statement that would bring us ALL together. ONE LOVE. That was my singular motivation when I said all lives matter."

All I wanted to do, says Remi, was promote peace and unity. Is it crazy of me to say I believe him? Well, I do. But that is not a pardon. He was wrong. Deeply wrong. That he didn't know he was wrong isn't an excuse we as a would-be caring society should be interested in accepting.

Fact: "All lives matter," as a set phrase or meme, owes its existence to a desire to refute "Black lives matter," a morally unassailable prop-

osition. "ALM" is therefore a morally offensive utterance. All this is dead easy to establish, and many already have. (Maybe you saw the Reddit post that made the point with game-set-match finality: "Imagine that you're sitting down to dinner with your family, and while everyone else gets a serving of the meal, you don't get any. So you say 'I should get my fair share.' ...Your dad corrects you, saying, 'Everyone should get their fair share.'")

The upshot is that anyone who wants to engage with contemporary political discourse inherits an obligation to be up to speed. Picture a candidate wearing an "I'm for segregation" campaign button in 2016. Would anyone believe him if he said that the button referred only to, say, a policy of quarantining Zika patients? Maybe. But would anyone who did believe him let him off the hook for the obvious connotations? Of course not.

There's no practical difference, as far the fight for racial justice is concerned, between obliviousness and malice. Remi Pereira's view of himself as the most peaceful and loving man ever to sing pop opera is of exactly zero social value. What he thinks of himself doesn't matter to anyone who isn't him, and the fact that he would hold out what he thinks of himself as justification for what he actually did teaches us an important lesson about what progress requires.

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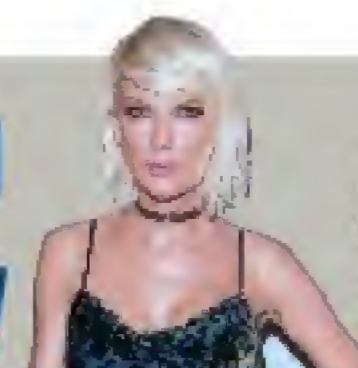
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Is rock 'n' roll dead?

OPINION

The genre is in decline, but that just leaves room for a revolution

Barry Walsh
For Metro Canada



In a recent interview for SiriusXM, Flea, the mononymous and often shirtless bassist for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, lamented the current state of rock music calling it "a dead form in a lot of ways."

Two years ago, it was Gene Simmons of Kiss who sounded the death knell for rock 'n' roll, telling his son Nick in an interview for Esquire that file sharing and illegal downloading helped drive the nail in the coffin. "Rock did not die of old age," he opined. "It was murdered."

But as a musician who writes and performs what would fall under the "rock" category, I'm writing to say that while they're right in some respects, this is not necessarily a bad thing.

Let's cast our minds back to what could arguably be called the last golden hurrah for that vital, raw, sometimes reckless music we call rock 'n' roll — the early 2000s. Back then, bands such as The Strokes and The White Stripes were gracing magazine covers everywhere and packing venues.

But even at the height of their popularity, the one thing that proved challenging for both bands, at least in comparison

LISTEN TO THIS

Nap Eyes - Halifax, NS/Montreal, PQ

While The Strokes may have found notoriety by channeling The Velvet Underground's ramshackle rock side, Nap Eyes, led by biochemist-by-day Nigel Chapman, call to mind the iconic New York band's more esoteric leanings. The first time I heard their debut single Dark Creedence, I had to replay it five or six times.

Start with: Dark Creedence

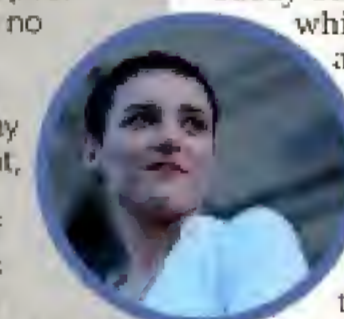


Savages - London, U.K.

For those who prefer their rock 'n' roll with a post-punk edge, listen no further than Savages. Fronted by lead singer Jehnny Beth, seen at right, the band has endured its share of lazy comparisons — mostly to such acts as Siouxsie and the Banshees and Joy Division — but Savages are armed with a 21st-century take on agit-rock.

Start with: Shut Up

Barry Walsh/Metro



ing boatloads of records. The Strokes' 2001 debut, *Is This It*, took a couple of years to sell two million copies globally. Compare that to a band that was all over modern rock radio (but significantly less magazine covers) in 2001 — Lifehouse — whose *No Name Face* album from 2000 sold four million copies, and who have sold 15 million albums to date worldwide.

Bands that would emerge post-Strokes such as Jet or The Killers would outpace them commercially. But it was the gritty, mildly dangerous allure of the Strokes'-n'-Stripes that gave them greater cultural heft than most of the modern rock acts coasting through the charts in the wake of grunge. In their thrift store fashions and sweaty, boozy bravado, we caught a whiff of the unpredictable, incandescent spirit of Kurt Cobain and his contemporaries.

To give Gene Simmons his due, the first year or two of this decade marked the last gasp before file sharing became ubiquitous, and before streaming relegated the concept of an album to near-antiquity. The former has had an undeniably grim impact on the recording industry, making major labels decidedly more risk-averse when it comes to signing new acts. The latter, while offering a fantastic world of choice, is nurturing a generation of "genre agnostic" listeners who no longer identify as fans

to top hip hop or R&B acts of the day, or the nu-metal and radio-friendly modern rock acts they were up against, was sell-



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of one particular style of music over another. In terms Grandpa Simpson might understand, we aren't talking about "mods vs. rockers" anymore.

So rock 'n' roll isn't the cash cow it was in the good ol' days when every band had its own private jet. And maybe its cultural significance has taken a back seat to Beyoncé as of late. But as

you read this, in any number of cities around the world, a club is full of sweat-soaked fans jostling for position as a gang armed with guitars provides the soundtrack for an evening's abandon. And if you make a bit of effort, you can stumble via streaming upon a new artist to give you that giddy sensation from the halcyon days of 2001.

As we saw when punk put a boot to the ass of mainstream rock, which had grown bloated and listless by the mid-'70s, the genre is always at its most innovative, explosive and exciting when it's an outlier. That's its status now. For that, any rock 'n' roll fan should be grateful, and be listening for the next momentary revolutionary lying in wait.

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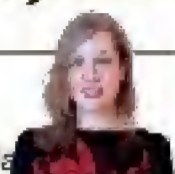
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No 'woe-is-me' confessions here

ESSAYS

Head writer for *Inside Amy Schumer* wasn't out to tell jokes

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



When Amy Schumer accepted the Emmy last September for her hilariously raunchy comedy series *Inside Amy Schumer*, she profusely thanked her head writer and executive producer Jessi Klein for helping make her "dream show."

It should have been a fantasy night for Klein, walking the red carpet and winning one of Hollywood's most coveted statues. But as she recalls in her new book of personal essays, *You'll Grow Out of It*, the new mom found herself alone in a basement dressing room at the Nokia Theater after the show, shoved into Spanx while pumping her breast milk.

She remembers questioning her future — feeling not

so much like a winner, but a "footnote to others' success."

While many would have killed to be in Klein's Manolo Blahniks that night, there's nothing woe-is-me about her confession or her lifelong struggles with self-confidence.

You'll Grow Out of It hits on many familiar emotions, as Klein shares stories of broken relationships, failed career aspirations and physical insecurities. Although she didn't set out to "tell jokes," Klein can't help but bring on the laughs: she is, after all, also a stand-up comedian and a former writer for *Saturday Night Live*.

"I really wanted to stretch into territory that wasn't funny, but real. And hopefully by being honest and real and specific, be relatable to other people. I was thinking more of how to transcribe my voice like when I am just talking," says Klein.

"Ironically, I think the stuff about trying to become a comedy writer is less funny and more serious about overcoming fear and learning how to follow your instincts."

Klein should be considered a top runner to fill the void left

behind by the late essayist Nora Ephron, whose conversational writing style also revealed the particular absurdities of being a contemporary woman.

As a self-described tomboy turned "tom man" ("nobody likes a tom man"), Klein writes about femininity with an outsider's eye.

She observes that women are divided into poodles (Angelina Jolie) and wolves (Sandra Bullock), depending on a checklist of so-called feminine traits (poodles always wear matching bras and underwear, while wolves own two bras, and neither match their "tattered old Gap underwear.")

She also confesses an enduring love for Anthropologie and *The Bachelor* and dislike for a culture that suggests the bathtub is the only place a woman is allowed to find peace.

While Klein reveals her specific experiences as a woman, and certainly *Inside Amy Schumer* is touted as a feminist breakthrough, she says the book was not intended to be political. "I am very much a proud feminist, but I wouldn't say that was the word in my head as I was writing," she says.

You'll Grow Out of It took her three years to complete, during which time Klein became pregnant, and found herself waking up at 4 a.m. to sneak in time to write — a process she recalls as being physically and mentally draining. Klein openly discusses the invasive tests and procedures she went through in trying to have her baby, and makes a pretty compelling case for getting an epidural.

"I wanted to write about it in a variety of tones because some of it is so ridiculous that if you don't laugh you'll cry," she says. "But some of it is uncomfortable and horrendous that you do just cry. I wanted to share that stuff as well."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



Amy Schumer and Jessi Klein, photo-bombed by comedian Bridget Everett, attend the premiere party for the third season of *Inside Amy Schumer* in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

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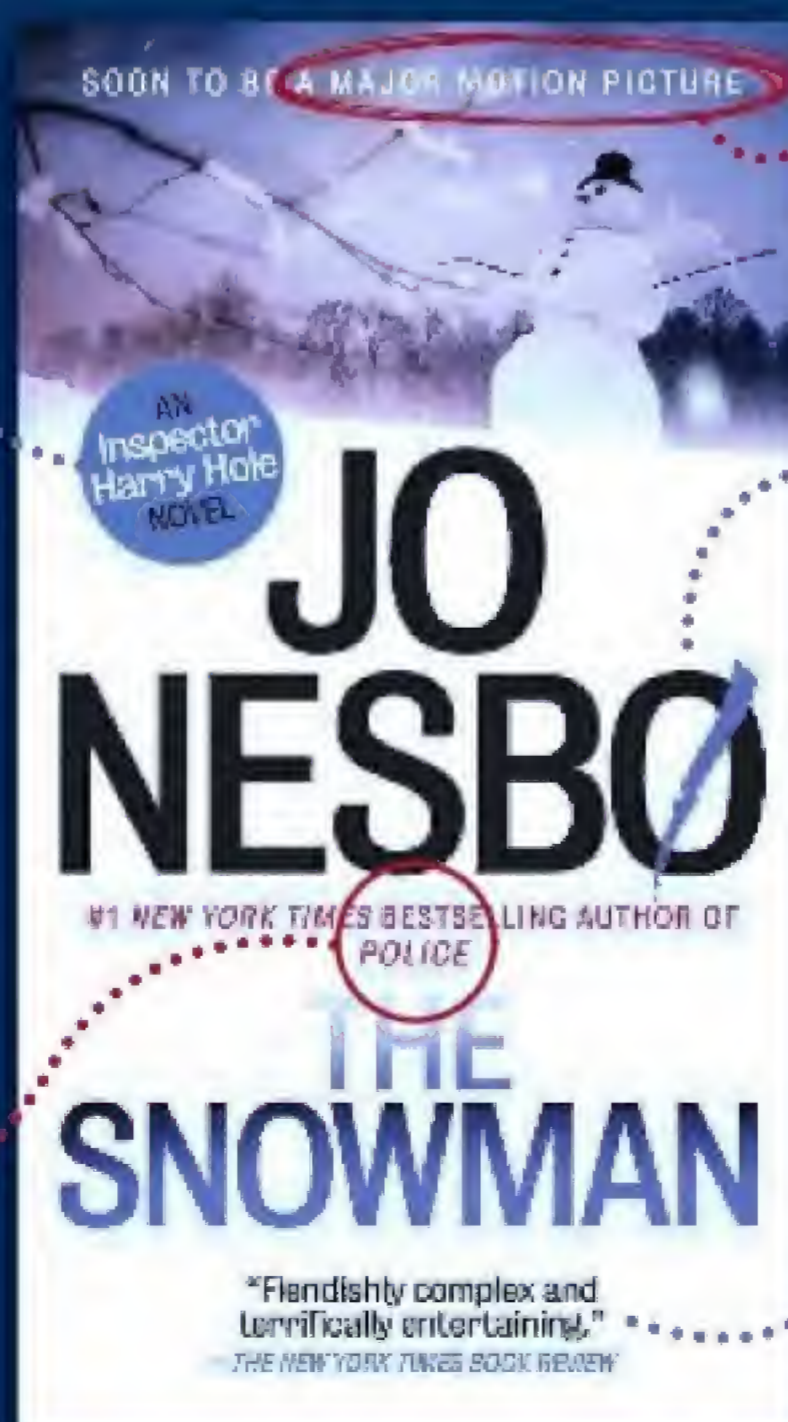
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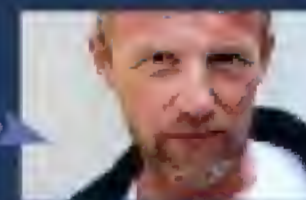


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Michael Fassbender will play Harry in the upcoming movie adaptation, also starring Rebecca Ferguson and Charlotte Gainsbourg.



How do you pronounce Jo's name?

Like "you." Yes, really. And Jo says that the "o" in Nesbo sounds like the "o" in Inspector Clouseau's pronunciation of "bomb." But you can call him Joe.

Who else is wild about Harry?

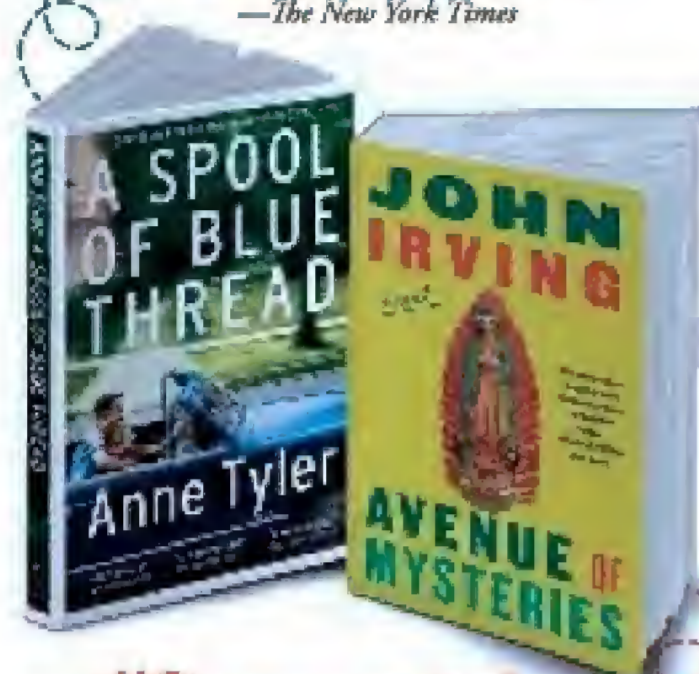
Besides the *New York Times*, there's CNN, Michael Connelly, James Ellroy, and Patti Smith, to name a few. But Linwood Barclay says it best:

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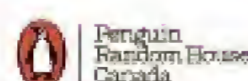
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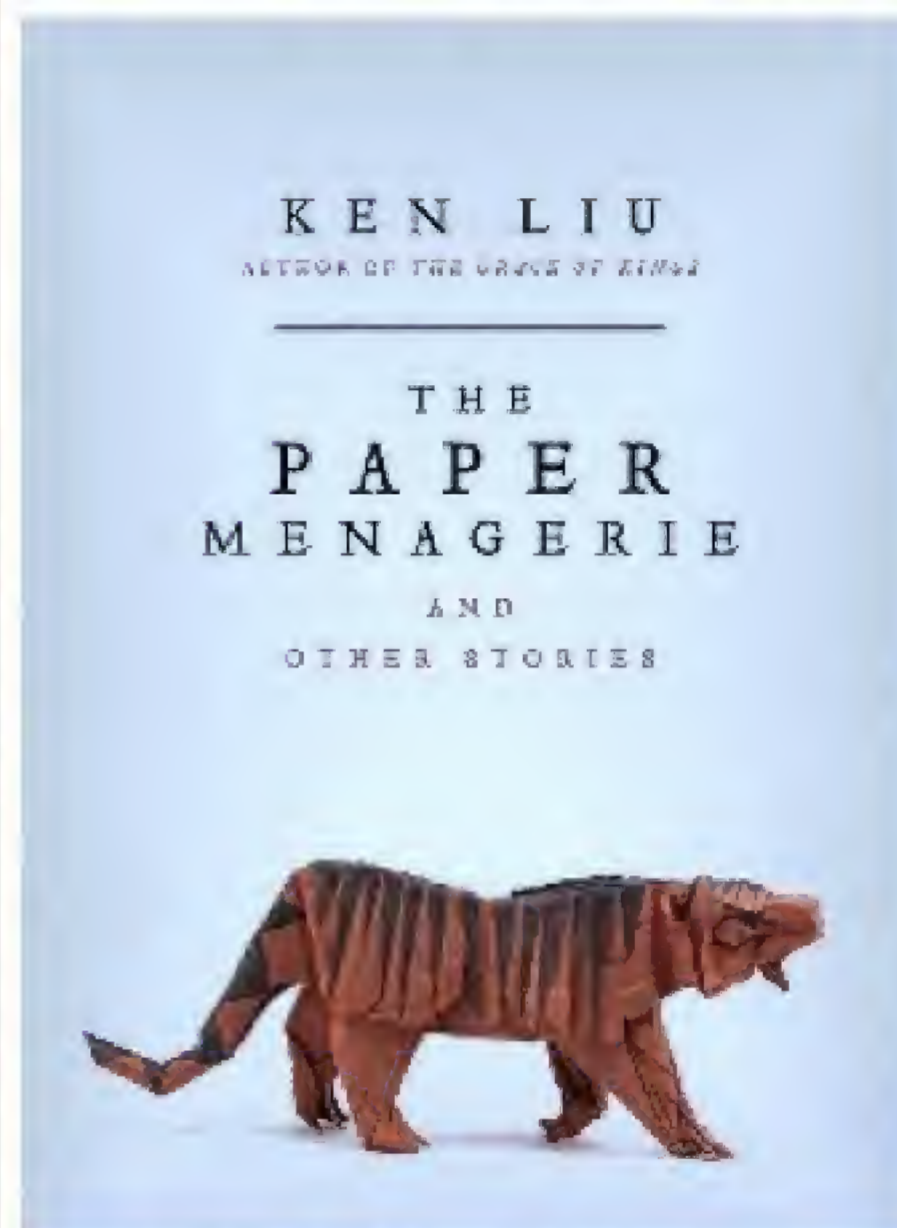
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who lived—defiantly—on her own terms."—People



4 SCI-FI VISIONS OF THE FUTURE

Must-read short stories and hopeful speculative fiction are among our books picks this week. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

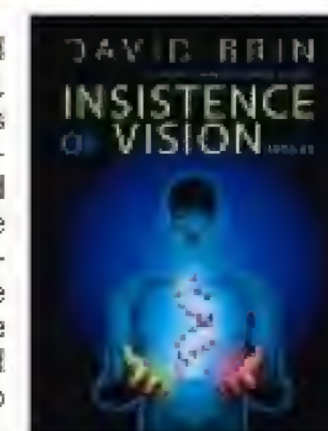


1 The Paper Menagerie

Ken Liu's speculative fiction has a dominant concern: the preservation of family and culture when both are being put under strain. This is obvious in the title story of this collection — the first story to win the Hugo, Nebula and World Fantasy Awards within the same year — which deals with a Chinese-American man remembering a bit of magic origami from his childhood that he has outgrown. But that same interest in the conflict between different ways of seeing, thinking and being invest almost all of the other stories as well, including those dealing with exotic forms of alien life and technology. It's a great collection, strongly reminiscent of the work of China Mieville, and the only disappointing part comes in Liu's introduction, where he says he no longer writes as many short stories, having chosen to focus his efforts on novels. **(Saga Press, \$33.99, 450 pages)**

2 Insistence of Vision

The fiction of David Brin is informed by a central recurring theme as well, in his case the operation of various kinds of evolution: organic and synthetic, directed and undirected, fast and slow. This interest in dynamic change feeds into his vision of SF as an essentially optimistic form: not because he believes in "progress" but because he believes in the ability of humankind to improve its condition. This isn't to say that change is always for the best. Sometimes progress comes at a price, sometimes two steps forward are followed by one step back, and sometimes the best-laid plans go terribly awry (the story "Mars Opposition" being a great example of all of these outcomes). **(The Story Plant, \$34.95, 374 pages)**



3 Why I Hunt Flying Saucers

Why I Hunt Flying Saucers is a book much like Eric Schaller's in that it's a great debut collection of stories that offers up a retrospective of highlights from 25 years of published work. It's also similar in its provision of editorial notes by the author on the stories themselves — a nice little bonus that is becoming increasingly common. **(Brain Lag, \$15.99, 265 pages)**



4 Meet Me in the Middle of the Air

Eric Schaller's debut collection of weird dark fiction is like one of those great first albums put out by a band that's been writing songs and practicing them in clubs for years. Drawing on two decades of material, these are bold, original stories that startle the reader at nearly every turn of the page. **(Undertow Publications, \$23.99, 253 pages)**

World reacts to the 'lone wolf' tenor

SCANDAL

Perez Hilton, other celebs tweet their disapproval

Remigio Pereira likes to bill himself as a team player.

"Every decision we make is a group decision," the (perhaps former) member of the singing quartet the Tenors told the Star in 2010. "When it comes to the group, we all have to want to sing something or it doesn't wind up on the stage."

So what was Pereira thinking at Tuesday night's Major League Baseball all-star game when he apparently stunned his fellow Tenors by changing the lyrics of O Canada?

"We're all brothers and sisters, all lives matter to the great," Pereira sang, instead of, "With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the true north strong and free."

He also held up a handwritten sign saying "united we stand" and "all lives matter," and made a peace sign.

Pereira did not respond to a request for an explanation from the Star Tenors' manager, Jeffrey Latimer of Toronto, could also not be reached for comment.

For their part, the other three members of the vocal quartet have apologized via Twitter to pretty much everyone on the face of the earth and called it a "lone wolf" act that was "extremely selfish" and "shameful."

The Tenors — whose other members are Victor Micallef



Remigio Pereira, left, is facing public backlash after changing the lyrics of O Canada to include the phrase 'All Lives Matter.'

SCREENGRAB

from Toronto, Fraser Walters from Vancouver and Murray from Port McNeill on Vancouver Island — are a Juno Award-winning quartet that tours the globe in tuxedos and skinny suits, performing a mixture of classical and pop.

Comedian Mark Critch tweeted: "#TheTenors used to be known as 'The Canadian Tenors.' Now they are known as the 'unbookable Tenors.'"

"Hell hath no fury like 37 million people who are tired of being sorry #TheTenors," tweeted Ottawa journalist Mandy Kovacs.

Perez Hilton was among those stunned by what he heard, tweeting "Say what?! RT Canadian singing group #TheTenors added 'all lives matter' to #OCanada!"

B.C. musician Patrick Boyle was more amused than anything else, tweeting: "Canada not immune to cowardly acts of tenorism. #lonewolfdenor"

Perhaps it was the tension of touring that drove Pereira to this point. "It is not always easy spending so much time together," Pereira told Boston's Metro West Daily News in 2013. "It sometimes feels like a marriage times four, but the work means a lot to all of us."

On Twitter early Wednesday, Pereira tried to explain why he went rogue and sparked a chorus of outrage: "I've been so moved lately by the tragic loss of life and I hoped for a positive statement that would bring us ALL together. ONE LOVE."

"That was my singular motivation when I said all lives matter."

He added: "I speak for the human race and the lives of all sentient beings. Love, peace and harmony for ALL has always been my life's purpose."

Critch apparently wasn't impressed by his new spokesperson, tweeting: "Hey Humans! Hey sentient beings. We have a guy to speak for us now. Remigio can be earth's agent. #TheTenors"

Following Tuesday's controversial performance, The Tenors issued a statement saying Pereira won't be performing with them "until further notice."

"The Tenors are deeply sorry for the disrespectful and misguided lack of judgment by one member of the group acting as

a 'lone wolf' today during the singing of the Canadian National anthem at the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in San Diego," the group posted on Twitter.

"The other members of the group are shocked and embarrassed by the actions of Remigio Pereira, who changed the lyrics of our treasured anthem and used this coveted platform to serve his own political views."

Critch tweeted in response: "Tenor was a 'Lone wolf' He was a tenor-ist. Canada, Let's pray David Foster isn't radicalized #AltLivesMatter"

Pereira describes himself on Twitter as "Proud Dad/ Multi-Platinum Juno Award Winning Recording Artist/ Song-Writer/

Producer/ CEO @artisgroupe / Vegan/ I am a Vega ambassador @vegatam."

And if he feels under attack now, it's not the first time. On The Tenors' website, Pereira talks of how he doesn't mind looking vulnerable.

"The songs have everyone's blood, sweat and tears on them," he is quoted as saying. "This is what we want to show people. It's very humbling. It's like walking out of your house naked. You're opening yourself up and you're baring yourself."

The website describes Pereira as "a multifaceted artist sought-after for his work as a vocalist, guitarist, composer and songwriter" who's fluent in four languages.

A former rock musician and self-taught guitarist, he switched over to classical music at the age of 23, when he was accepted to Le Conservatoire du Quebec.

He earned a master's degree from the Conservatoire in classical guitar performance.

"When I was playing rock music, I really hated opera, didn't understand it until I went to university for classical guitar," he told Ellen Niemer of Alive.com in 2008. "I met some singers there and that's how my love for it began."

He apparently didn't minor in math. Asked his five favorite things by Il Postino newspaper, Pereira replied: "Music, love, sex, nature."

Pereira stuck to the proper lyrics for O Canada when The Tenors sang at the 2012 NBA all-star game.

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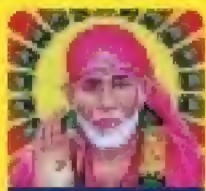
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With a sunny California vibe, open spaces and plenty of bright windows, the condos of VIP at Californian Parkland could just as well sport a palm tree or two in the courtyard. This development offers maintenance-free living in Edmonton's fastest-growing southwest area, with everything buyers could need — plus a few splashy extras.

Housing amenities

Generous-sized balconies and nine-foot ceilings add an even more spacious feel to the already open-concept condos. Suites feature in-floor heating, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, tile flooring and full-size stacking laundry. There's also heated underground parking, a carwash bay, and fitness and hobby rooms.

Location and transit

Convenience is key at VIP Californian Parkland. Situated near the city's western perimeter just off the Whitemud and Highway 2, the condos are handy for car commuters on these major transportation corridors. At nearby West Edmonton Mall, transit to any point downtown or to post-secondary locales is an easy connection away.

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In the neighbourhood

This sweet spot in the city's west has it all — shops and services, dining and entertainment, plus well-established schools and green spaces. The Lewis Estates Golf Course is right across the highway, as is the famous West Edmonton Mall. And, for concerts, dining and casino fun, the nearby River Cree Resort is just a few minutes drive away.

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DIY

Add coastal charm to your decor with this pretty project



Create a watery palette of greens, blues and whites with sea glass. DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Whether your beachcombing is seaside or lakeside, pretty tumbled glass can often be found if you keep an eye on the shoreline.

Step 1: Gather the supplies

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We used beach glass collected from trips to the shore; however, you can also buy faux sea glass at craft stores.

You'll need:

- Unfinished wood tray
- Sea glass
- Pre-mixed tile adhesive & grout
- Small butter knife for spreading adhesive or trowel

- Rubber grout float or rubber spatula for applying grout
- Toothpick or bamboo skewer for removing excess grout
- Sponge, bowl and water

Step 2: Apply adhesive

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Use the flat edge of the knife to apply a thin layer of adhesive onto the wood tray. Immediately add more adhesive and use the notched edge to distribute the adhesive, moving in one direction.

Step 2: Press glass into place

Starting in one corner, press the first piece of sea glass in place.

Repeat with all of the glass. Pressing into place and ensuring each is as level as possible. Make sure to leave space between the pieces of glass for grout lines. Use a toothpick or bamboo skewer to remove any excess adhesive that may ooze between the glass. Let the glass set for 24 hours.

Step 4: Apply grout

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Using a rubber spatula, apply grout to the glass, pushing it gently into the grout lines. Ensure that the grout fills the lines and corners smoothly.

Step 5: Clean off excess grout

Fill a bowl with water, dampen a sponge with it and then remove excess grout from glass, smoothing out the grout as you go. Let the grout set according to the product specifications before removing the cloudy looking grout haze from the glass. We waited approximately four hours.

Step 6: Second cleaning

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Using a damp sponge, once again clean off any haze from the grout that remains on the glass. Let grout dry for 24 hours before handling your tray.

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Johnson at top of his game

BRITISH OPEN PREVIEW
Long hitter coming off pair of wins in the last month

The smile spoke louder than anything Dustin Johnson had to say Wednesday at the British Open.

His game has never been better. Just one month ago, Johnson was known as golf's best athlete who had won every year he has been on the PGA Tour — the longest streak since Tiger Woods — but who had everything go wrong in the majors.

Now he's the U.S. Open champion and a favourite at the British Open who can move to No. 1 in the world with a victory.

But that's not what brought the biggest smile.

It was a question about whether he could think of anything that stressed him out.

Anyone who has spent time around the 32-year-old American during his eight years and 11 victories on tour — and finally, a major — knows Johnson doesn't get too worked up over anything. Not the two-shot penalty on the final hole of the 2010 PGA Championship for grounding his club in a bunker ("I still don't think that was a bunker," he said). Not the three-putt from 12 feet that cost him a shot at the U.S. Open last year.

Not even a peculiar decision by the USGA at Oakmont last month in which officials told him he might be penalized one stroke after his round, meaning Johnson had to play the last seven holes not knowing his own score. He played them in even par to win by three.

Another question: has the attention as a major champion been difficult to manage?

He smiled.



Dustin Johnson blasts out of a bunker in Troon, Scotland, on Wednesday. The British Open gets underway Thursday. STUART FRANKLIN/GETTY IMAGES

"I haven't noticed," Johnson said.

Johnson is that rare breed of golfer who can manage to entertain without being all that revealing.

Even so, his level of comfort was never more evident, particularly when he finished his 20-minute news conference. Walking down from the stage, he plopped his six-foot-four frame

on the top step and held court with a small group of reporters to talk about his strategy at Royal Troon, his equipment change for a week of links golf (a 2-iron and 3-iron, only three wedges) and how many shots he has to give his future fath-

er-in-law, hockey great Wayne Gretzky, when they play.

"He won't play with me," Johnson said. "He only plays if he can be my partner."

Who can blame the Great One for that?

Coming off victories in the



I know I'll give myself a chance again. It's just up to me to learn from the mistakes of that Sunday afternoon and bring that into the next one. Shane Lowry went through the whole gamut of emotions after throwing away a four-shot lead in the final round of U.S. Open last month

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PRAISING DJ

■ "There's not an individual here ... very surprised by what's going on," defending British Open champion Zach Johnson said. "He's a supreme athlete, and it just so happens that his sport — for all of us, unfortunately — is golf. Very talented. I mean, we talk about his prowess. There's not that many guys that can do what he does."

■ "I think it was just floodgates opening, which I've said for a long time now." No. 3-ranked Jordan Spieth said of Johnson's recent success. "It happened, and it happened again. So it's no surprise."

U.S. Open and a World Golf Championship, Johnson has moved past Jordan Spieth to No. 2 in the world, still trailing by a decent margin Jason Day at No. 1. Those are based on numbers. The eye test would suggest Johnson might be the player to beat this week, especially equipped with all that confidence.

Johnson's long strides look more like a swagger when he's playing well. Still, he keeps everything so simple — his golf included — that he still recognizes he has to play good golf over 72 holes to have a chance at winning.

"I don't expect any more from myself," he said. "I always expect to come out and perform and to contend. But I mean, it's definitely a little bit different coming out and not trying to win that first major. That's the biggest difference."

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OLYMPICS

Canada gunning for 19 medals

The Canadian Olympic team is confident it can reach its goal of winning at least 19 medals at the Rio Olympics.

"Our primary goal is to win more medals than we won in London (in 2012), so 19 or higher will achieve that important goal," Anne Merklinger, CEO of the Own The Podium program said Wednesday on a conference call. "Our ultimate goal is to finish in the top 12 in total nation medal counts."

"We know that every medal will matter and it is an extremely tight medal race."

315

The projected number of athletes Canada will sent to Rio.

By top 12, Merklinger was referring to total medals, regardless of colour. The International Olympic Committee gives priority to gold medals in its standings, so Canada was nowhere near the top 12 in London with 18 total medals, but only one gold.

But she said boosting the medal count is a realistic goal based on performances in recent years, especially the athletics squad that took eight medals at its last world championships.

Canada has five squads that qualified for the Games in team sports, matching its most ever, first achieved in 1984. The women's rugby sevens team has perhaps the best medal hopes.

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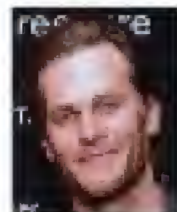


SLUGLINE

One 'Hail Mary' left in Brady appeal

Tom Brady will miss the first four games of the upcoming NFL schedule. Unless he doesn't. "Deflategate" has crept into a third NFL season, and with the federal court's rejection on Wednesday of the New England quarterback's appeal of his suspension, it certainly appears that Brady will be sidelined into early October.

Brady still has the option of taking his case to the Supreme Court — one legal analyst called that nothing more than a "Hail Mary" — and getting the suspension for his role in the use of underinflated footballs in the 2014 AFC title game overturned or stayed. Given how aggressively Brady, the NFL Players Association and all the lawyers involved have pursued the case, trying to get the Supreme Court



Tom Brady
GETTY IMAGES

to hear it could be the next step.

Meanwhile, it's up to the Patriots to figure out the best approach to opening the season at formidable Arizona before a homestand against Miami, Houston and Buffalo.

One thing for sure: super-secretive New England won't be giving out any hints.

Among the Patriots' biggest dilemmas is how to split reps and game time in the pre-season. Normally, Brady would take a huge number of reps, but would play sporadically in the exhibition matches. Jimmy Garoppolo would get the majority of the game snaps.

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NBA

Soaking in praise not Duncan's thing

When Tim Duncan decided to reflect on his outstanding 19-year NBA career, the understated star did it in the most Timmy way possible: Seated at a table with a friend from the islands.

Two days after the San Antonio Spurs announced his retirement, Duncan told longtime friend Rashidi Clearence that he simply "started not enjoying myself as much. It wasn't fun as much. When it's not fun anymore, I'm done."

Duncan tried to avoid much of the praise from former teammate



Tim Duncan
GETTY IMAGES

Bruce Bowen's tribute on and coach Gregg Popovich's emotional news conference on Tuesday.

"I didn't expect the response that I got," Duncan said. "No, I didn't. That's the way I'm built. I knew that I didn't want to sit there and watch what was being said. It's appreciated, but I just didn't want to watch it."

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For the first time in 20-something years, I don't have a script. I don't have somewhere I have to be and something I have to do.

Tim Duncan



IN BRIEF

Canada 7s coach canned
Canadian rugby sevens coach Liam Middleton has paid the price for missing out on the "very attainable" goal of Olympic qualification.

Rugby Canada announced Wednesday it will not renew Middleton's contract and will launch a global search for a new head coach immediately.

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Darvish set to start Saturday
Yu Darvish is set to make his return to the Texas Rangers' rotation on Saturday.

The AL West leaders said Darvish threw a bullpen session Wednesday and is

expected to be activated from the 15-day disabled list to start the second game of the team's weekend series at the Chicago Cubs.

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Oilers sign up Puljujarvi

The Edmonton Oilers have signed Jesse Puljujarvi, the fourth-overall pick at the 2016 NHL draft, to a three-year entry level contract.

The 18-year-old forward spent last season with the Finish Elite League's Oulu Karpat, recording 28 points (13 goals, 15 assists), 22 penalty minutes and a plus-5 defensive rating in 50 games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg welcomes confounding Eskis

CFL

Bombers haven't beaten 2015 champs since July 2012

Cornerback Maurice Leggett has done a lot in two-plus seasons with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, but beating the Edmonton Eskimos isn't on the list.

"It's frustrating you know, since I've been here we haven't won against Edmonton, and we're just trying to get the ball rolling against them," said Leggett, who recalled listening to retired NBA star Kobe Bryant talk about how he hated the Phoenix Suns, a team his Los Angeles Lakers struggled to beat.

"I guess I've got the same feeling."

Winnipeg (1-2) picked up their first win of the season in Hamilton last week, Leggett named a CFL top performer for two interceptions (one for a 50-yard touchdown), five defensive tackles and one sack. Building on that win will be tough, as the Bombers haven't managed to best the Eskimos since July 26, 2012.

The defending Grey Cup champion Eskimos (1-1) will be no easier to beat this time said Winnipeg quarterback Drew Willy, still trying to hit his stride after missing most of last season due to injury. But he said he doesn't look at this game as a way to measure the depth of the 2016 Bombers against a key rival.

"I don't think of it that way, obviously we're playing a good team," said Willy, whose 940 passing yards rank him second only to Ottawa's Trevor Harris so far this season, partly thanks to his one-game lead on pivots



Eskimos wide receiver Nate Coehoorn goes up for a catch against the Roughriders' Justin Cox on Friday at Commonwealth Stadium. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Blue Bombers forced six turnovers — including two interceptions by Maurice Leggett, one for a touchdown — in last week's 28-24 win in Hamilton.

such as Edmonton's Mike Reilly.

"We know we need to be ready. We definitely had a good week of practice, a week of preparation ... we're definitely looking forward to it."

The offences led by Reilly and Willy have both suffered from

slow starts this season but Reilly says that doesn't bother him.

"We don't panic," he said as he returned to the site of his Grey Cup win last November.

"We know a football game is four quarters and, apparently for us, four quarters and an overtime."

Both of Edmonton's games so far have been decided in overtime. And despite the

Eskimos' winning record against the Bombers.

Reilly said he takes nothing for granted.

Maurice Leggett
THE CANADIAN PRESS

WEEK 4 UNDERWAY

Redblacks remain undefeated in Toronto

Tristan Jackson's 75-yard punt-return touchdown earned the unbeaten Ottawa Redblacks a 30-20 road win over the Toronto Argonauts on Wednesday night.

Jackson broke three tackles en route to snapping a 20-20 tie at 4:19 of the fourth quarter for Ottawa (3-0-1), the CFL's lone unbeaten squad. The first punt return TD in Redblacks' history ensured quarterback Trevor Harris's return to Toronto was a triumphant one.

Harris spent four seasons with Toronto — going 9-7 as the starter last year while in-

WEDNESDAY In Toronto



cumbent Ricky Ray recovered from off-season shoulder surgery. He signed with Ottawa this off-season as a free agent and assumed the No. 1 job after veteran Henry Burris suffered a hand injury in the season opener.

Harris, the CFL passing leader, was a masterful 28-

of-31 passing for 392 yards, his fourth straight 300-yard game. He also had a one-yard TD run in the third following a 77-yard completion to Greg Ellingson as the big play hurt Toronto (2-2).

Ottawa's Chris Williams (25 catches, 493 yards, six TDs) came in as the CFL's receiving leader but Ellingson had nine catches for 218 yards.

The Redblacks also earned a third straight road win to open the season. The last time an Ottawa team did that was 1976 when the franchise won its last Grey Cup. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Anthony Coombs jumps across the goal-line for a touchdown. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Mediterranean Pasta



PHOTO: MAYA VISNIE

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We love roasted vegetables and this pasta dish shows them off, alongside salty artichokes and plucked-from-the-garden sweet basil.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 red pepper, seeded and cut into wedges
- 1 red onion, cut into wedges
- 3 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 can artichoke hearts, drained, rinsed, and quartered lengthwise
- 3 small ripe tomatoes, quartered
- A handful of fresh basil leaves
- 3 tablespoons of parmesan
- 1/2 lb dry pasta

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Scatter the peppers, red onion and garlic in a roasting tin. Sprinkle with sugar, drizzle over the oil and season with salt and pepper.

2. Roast for 15 minutes, toss in the tomatoes and artichokes and roast for another 15 minutes until everything is soft and golden brown.

3. While the veggies are roasting, cook the pasta in salted boiling water. Cook according to package instructions. Drain well.

4. Remove the veggies from the oven, tip in the pasta and toss. Tear the basil leaves on top and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

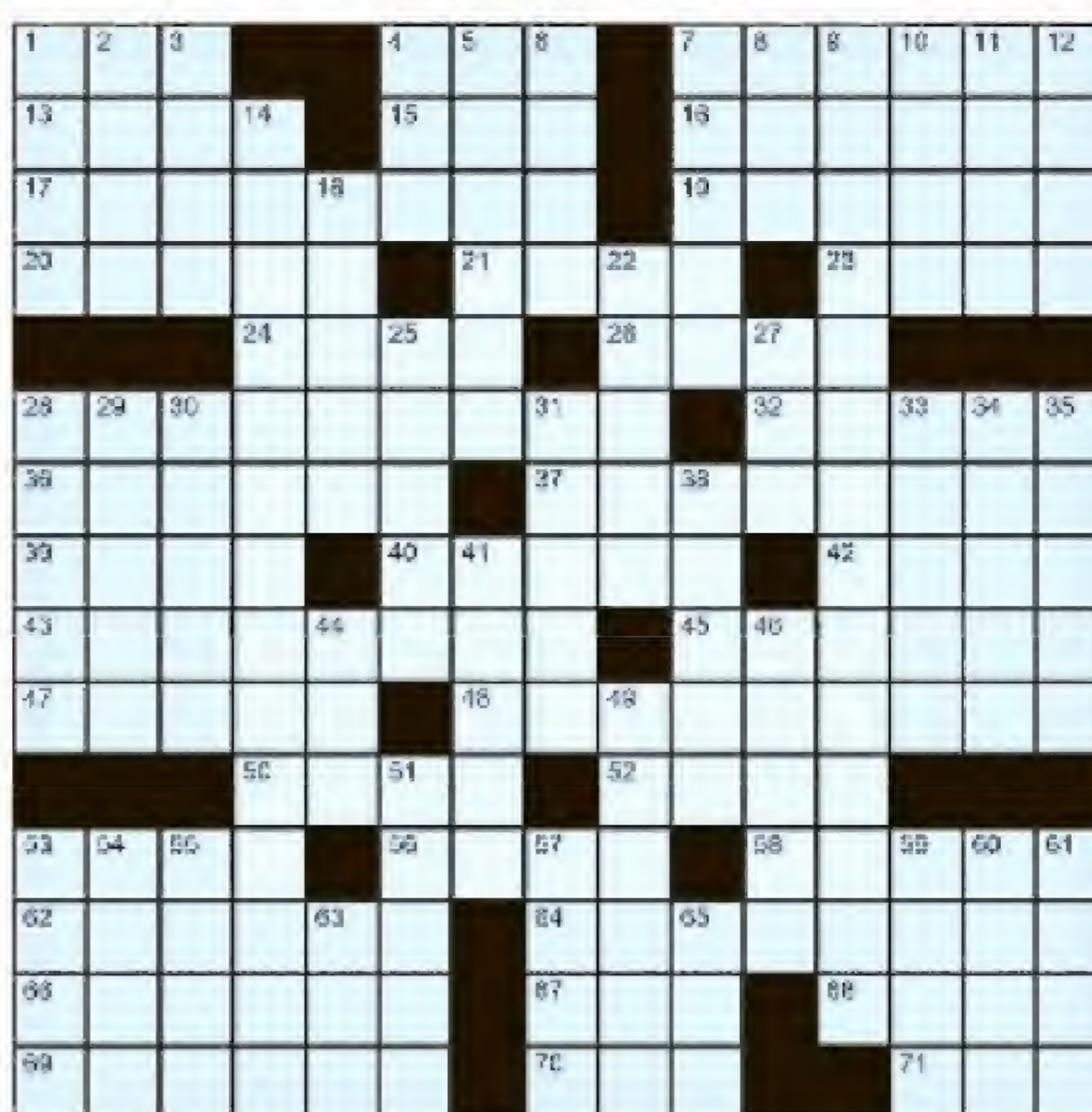
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ACROSS

1. '___' in Virden
4. Naja Haje
7. Abhor
13. Writer Ms. LeShan, and others
15. Tea: French
16. Storage for a bowler or a bonnet
17. Where to buy souvenirs at the museum: 2 wds.
19. 2003 Sam Roberts album: 'We Were Born in ___'
20. Sound from a miffed pirate
21. Expends
23. Ancient Greece's war god
24. Aristocratic title
26. Anguish
28. Honours
32. Begin
36. Anchored at the wharf
37. Accumulator of information
39. First edition, e.g.
40. Scent
42. Mr. Gooding Jr.
43. Recommendation, as for a doctor
45. 'The Talented Mr. ___' (1999)
47. Cheeky
48. Bonuses for TV rerun stars
50. Hand over power
52. Newbie
53. Ruffian
56. Medieval chest
58. Volunteer
62. Preserves, as tradition
64. New movie's red carpet event
66. Brought up



67. Prefix meaning 'Air' or 'Gas'
68. Pinpoint
69. Spectre-ish
70. Belonging to English writer Mr. Lewis (b.1898 - d.1963)
71. Heavy wts.

DOWN

1. 'Luka' singer Suzanne
2. 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
3. Johannesburg, ___
4. Sports fig.
5. Ought
6. Sprightliness

7. Capital of Tibet
8. LummoX
9. Newfoundland's provincial bird: 2 wds.
10. Up-the-slopes ride
11. Baseball plate
12. Splitsville stars
14. Red-on-white-back-ground symbol atop

- Alberta's provincial shield: 3 wds.
18. Sedimentary rock
22. ___ salts
25. 'M*A*S*H' character
27. Web connect-or, for short
28. Belonging to ancient

- Rome's god of love
29. Chick of jazz music
30. Salon styles
31. School: French
33. Gene Vincent's 1956 rocker: 'Be-Bop-___'
34. Riot
35. Cafeteria items to slide along whilst picking out items
38. Opera legend Ms. Callas
41. Pinker in the steak's middle
44. The Catcher in the ___ (J.D. Salinger novel)
46. Manner of speaking
49. Drummer's purchases
51. 'Big ___' (1999) starring Adam Sandler
53. Town, colloquially
54. Moonfish
55. 'Yummy Yummy Yummy': 1968 novelty hit for The ___ Express
57. Canadian politics channel
59. Amazing accomplishment
60. CNN anchor Ms. Burnett
61. Reunion attendees, e.g.
63. Tennis call
65. Urns and Hmms ...and Whats?

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
In discussions about inheritances and shared property, you have strong ideas today! You intend to fight for your rights or the rights of someone else.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Guard against outbursts of anger today, either on your part or the part of someone else, because people are opinionated! Everyone wants to give you a piece of their mind. (Yikes!)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will need to be patient with coworkers today, because people are easily upset. Someone might be moody, aggressive or impulsive. (Walk softly and carry a big cellphone.)

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Romantic partners might quarrel today because someone is emotionally upset. Parents will have to be patient with children. (It only takes a minute.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Domestic arguments might break out today because someone, probably a female family member, is upset. Remember: Patience is the antidote to anger.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Guard against knee-jerk reactions when talking to others today. You don't want to say something that you'll later regret, which is very easy to do today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A heated discussion about cash flow, money or possessions might take place today. Be careful, because your emotions will overrule your logic. Think before you speak.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today you will say what you mean and mean what you say, because you feel courageous and you have strong opinions. Be wise and think before you speak.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have lots of energy to do research or find behind-the-scenes solutions today. If you are searching for something, you won't stop until you find what you are looking for. You'll be relentless.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A female friend will be feisty today! If things are touch-and-go, this is a poor day to mention anything that could lead to an argument.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Relations with your boss (or a parent) will be emotional today. If you aren't happy, this is not the day to express your grievances or ask for permission or approval. Wait for another day.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because people are just too emotional. More than that, they want to express their opinions! Easy does it.

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